

## Coins

# *Upcoming international forecast is fair and fine*

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WHEN CHICAGO'S first all-foreign coin show was being planned one year ago, some coin collectors thought the affair would flop.

To their surprise, the 1976 Chicago International Coin Fair attracted nearly 4,000 persons, and most dealers in attendance reported that business was brisk.

So brisk, in fact, that the organizers [several Chicago-area coin clubs, the Organization of International Numismatists, and the Rare Coin

Co. of America in Chicago] have decided to hold the fair annually. This year's fair will be held Friday, Saturday, and next Sunday in the Continental Plaza Hotel, 909 N. Michigan Av. The show will be open to the public.

Some 84 United States and foreign dealers will be on hand to sell foreign coins ranging in price from a few cents to thousands of dollars.

Other major events at the show include:

● An "educational forum" at 4 p.m. Saturday, with talks by three numismatists. Henry Grunthal of New York City will speak on

"Richard Wagner in Medallie Art"; Robert Julian of Logansport, Ind., on "Aspects of the Coinage of Czar Nicholas II of Russia"; and Clyde Hubbard of Cuernavaca, Mexico, on "Colonial Gold Coins of New Spain: Mexico 1732-1821."

● A foreign coin auction conducted by Jess Peters, Inc., of Decatur. Sessions begin at 7 p.m. Friday and 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday.

In addition, the Franklin Mint and some of the nation's leading coin publications will have representatives at the fair.